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Docket No.: C013929/0110035

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of: )  
Catia BASTIOLI *et al.* ) Examiner: N. M. Nutter  
Serial No.: 09/297,733 ) Art Unit: 1711  
Filed: May 5, 1999 )  
For: **BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERIC** )  
**COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING** )  
**STARCH AND A THERMOPLASTIC** )  
**POLYMER** )

New York, New York  
May 16, 2006

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 16, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before May 16, 2006. 37 CFR § 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Application No.: 09/297,733  
Amendment Dated: May 16, 2006  
Reply to Office Action Dated: February 16, 2006

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 7 of this paper.